GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:961
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2003
STUDY ON CONDITION OF MAJOR/MEDIUM DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and medium dams in the country which are more than 50 years old, State-wise

(b) whether the Government have conducted any study on the condition of these dams; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) As per information available, there are about 571 large dams in the country which are more than 50 years old. The State- wise details of these dams are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) & (c) Maintenance and safety of dams is responsibility of the owners of the dams that is the concerned State Governments etc. The Central Government is not conducting any dam-wise study on the condition of the dams. However, the Central Government has taken measures for implementing a unified Dam Safety Programme in the country through the Central Water Commission. Further, the Central Government has made extensive efforts in creating awareness in the country about the importance of proper maintenance, up keep and operation of dams and has succeeded to a large extent in convincing the States towards the concept of Dam Safety, which has now been accepted by a large number of States. The Central Government assists the States in carrying out regular periodic inspection of dams in order to identify causes of potential distress and to recommend measures for their redress. However, the assistance for actual remedial works is rendered on specific request from the States. The Central Water Commission has circulated among the States in July, 1986 action points in a report titled "Report on Dam Safety Procedures" which gives unified Dam Safety Procedure to be followed for all dams in India. The National Committee on Dam Safety monitors the follow up action on the Dam Safety Procedures both at the Centre and at the State level.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961 FOR ANSWER ON 24.02.03 REGARDING STUDY ON CONDITION OF MAJOR/MEDIUM DAMS

Name of State	No. of Large Dams
Andhra Pradesh	42
Bihar	2
Chattishgarh	19
Gujarat	112
Jharkhand	8
Karnataka	44
Kerala	5
Madhya Pradesh	119
Maharashtra	82
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	5
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	59
Tamil Nadu	21
Uttar Pradesh	50
West Bengal	1
Total :	571